

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-19 will be pending after entry of this Amendment. Claims 1-17 have been amended to replace the phrase "characterized in that" with "wherein" or "comprising" in order to provide proper antecedent basis for terms recited therein and thereby conform to U.S. patent practice. Claims 3, 5, and 10 have been amended to depend solely on Claim 1; Claims 8-9 have been amended to depend solely on Claim 5; Claim 11 has been amended to depend solely on Claim 10; and Claim 16 has been amended to depend solely on Claim 12, thereby eliminating any multiple dependencies and more clearly defining the Applicants' invention. Depending claims 18 and 19 have been added and are supported by subject matter found in base claims 12 and 1, respectively. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been introduced by these amendments, and request entry thereof prior to examination on the merits.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 6009-4750. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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